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1. AS DISCUSSED TELECON REF D, JOHN STEELE WILL NOT BE
IN LONDON FOR WG MEETING AND THUS NOT AVAILABLE TO CHAIR
IT. WITTAKER, FROM STEEL'S OFFICE, WILL HEAD UK DELEGATION
AND WOULD BE PLEASED TO MEET WITH GRIP AND HINTZE FEB 14.
TIME FOR MEETING WITH UK NOT YET ARRANGED, BUT IF THERE
NO OBJECTION, WE SUGGEST WORKING LUNCHEON AT EMBASSY FOR
DISCUSSIONS WITH WHITTAKER; PLEASE INFORM US OF GRIP AND
HINTZE WISHES AND WE WILL MAKE ARRANGEMENTS.

2. SECGEN SRIVASTAVA SUGGESTS HE MEET WITH US REPS FOR
DINNER FEB 14 TO DISCUSS WG MEETING. IF THIS ACCEPTABLE
INFORM US AND WE WILL GET DETAILS FROM SECGEN.

3. IN DISCUSSION SRIVASTAVA'S VIEWS ON WG MEETING, HE
TOLD US HE BELIEVES LONGE OF NIGERIA WOULD BE EXCELLENT
CANDIDATE FOR CHAIRMAN OF WG AND HE HAS PERSONALLY CON-
TACTED LONGE TO ASSURE HE WILL BE PRESENT. SECGEN NOTED
FINE JOB LONGE HAD DONE LAST YEAR IN SIMILAR WG MEETING
AND CONSIDERS HIS CONTINUATION AS CHAIRMAN OF NEW GROUP

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WOULD BE WIDELY ACCEPTABLE.

4. SRIVASTAVA BELIEVES FEB 17-21 WG MEETING WILL NOT BE AS WELL ATTENDED AS 1974 WG MEETING SINCE ISSUES TO BE DISCUSSED MORE "ADMINISTRATIVE" AND OF LESS BROAD INTEREST THAN EXPANSION OF MSC AND COUNCIL. HE EXPECTS MANY MEMBERS MAY BE REPRESENTED BY OFFICERS OF LONDON EMBASSIES RATHER THAN BY DELEGATIONS FROM CAPITALS. HE AGREED MOST OF TIME AT MEETING LIKELY TO BE SPENT ON FRENCH PROPOSALS WHICH HE BELIEVES WILL RECEIVE WIDE SUPPORT IN PRINCIPLE WITH RELATIVELY MINOR VARIATIONS IN APPROACH. ON PROPOSAL FOR NAME CHANGE TO BE INTRODUCED BY GERMANS (REF C), HE ASKED FOR OUR SUPPORT. WHEN POINT ABOUT POSSIBLE COMPLICATIONS WE SEE (PARA 1 REF A) WAS RAISED, HE SAID HE DOUBTED THERE WOULD BE SUCH A REACTION TO PROPOSAL. HE SAID FROM DISCUSSIONS, HE AWARE THAT EVEN SCANDANAVIANS, WHO HAD ORIGINALLY OPPOSED FOUNDING OF IMCO, WILL NOT OBJECT TO NAME CHANGE AND, IF SUFFICIENT SUPPORT ARISES, MAY WELL SUPPORT IT.

5. ON OUTCOME OF WG MEETING, SRIVASTAVA BELIEVES ONE WEEK PERIOD WILL PROVIDE SUFFICIENT TIME TO COME CLOSE TO AGREEMENT ON RECOMMENDATIONS ALONG LINES OF FRENCH PROPOSAL BUT, TIME MAY BE TOO SHORT FOR FINAL DRAFTS OF RECOMMENDATIONS TO BE SENT TO MEMBER STATES TO BE PREPARED AND AGREED THUS REQUIRING LATER, SECOND MEETING OF WG FOR THIS PURPOSE.

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